Amendment to Standing Order No. 6.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Well, in that connection I have had the advantage of discussing with the learned Law Member. What I want to bring before the notice of the House is that unfortunately certain Standing Orders need correction. I shall just point out one as an example. I shall read section 31 of the Rules and Standing Order 31 (1)

Rule 31 reads thus :—

" As soon as may be after a Bill has been introduced, the Bill, unless it has already been published, shall be published in the Gazette ".

Standing Order 31 (1) reads thus:—

" At any time after a Bill has been published in the Gazette, the Member in charge of the Bill may introduce it ".

Only one meaning can be given. As soon as a Bill has been introduced, it has already been published unless, it must be published in the Gazette.

An Hon'ble Member can introduce in the House a Bill which has been published in the Gazette. That is clear from Standing Order 31 (1). Well, according to the other rule, it may be published after the Bill has been introduced. I suppose I am making my point clear. The Standing Orders have to be improved here and there as regards the wording. I might, for instance, bring to the notice of the House three words promiscuously used in the Regulation—'Session', 'Meeting', and 'Sitting'. I am sure there is no difference of opinion on the necessity for improving the Orders.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It was copied from Travancore.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What I would hence submit is that these Orders should not be kept in the present condition for a long time. If I get the assurance of the Government that the discrepancies and other defects will be attempted to be removed by appointing a committee for the purpose, I don't want to press my amendment.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It can only be amended by the Legislative Council.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I rise on a point of order. Is this in the Agenda?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Please ask the Secretary or please look into the Agenda.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Generally when an amendment is proposed, the President used to take the sense of the House whether the Member can proceed or not.

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Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—There was an amendment to that section.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Well, I should like to know what the Government propose to do before I proceed further. Twenty of them support me as this is a Party question. So the work may be minimised.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Standing Orders require amendment in some places and the Government have an idea of amending them. What is the way in which it should be done is under the consideration of the Government. There are certain inconsistencies in the wording of the orders as the Hon'ble Member for Trippunittura stated. After the amendments required have been tabled, they may be referred to a committee and according to the opinion of the committee the matter may be brought before this House and considered.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I think that at least early steps may be taken. I beg to withdraw.

Hence the following amendment was withdrawn with leave.

After clause 6 (2) of the Standing Orders, introduce the following:—

"When the notices of Bills and Resolutions, after their precedence has been fixed by the procedure laid down in Standing Order clause 6 (2), come up before the Council, any Member may move that the notice of a particular Bill or Resolution may be taken up first for consideration in spite of the precedence already fixed. If that Member's motion be carried, on being immediately put to the vote, by a majority in the Council, precedence shall be given to the particular notice of Bill or Resolution in question."

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

1. *Teaching of Hindi in Schools.*

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—To-day being Friday, I must be in the Mosque between one and two. So I request that the resolution standing in my name may be taken up after lunch.

President.—Granted.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, before we pass from this subject I rise to point out that the first Standing Orders, ...

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is it a point of order?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes, it is a point of order. I rise to point out that the first Standing Orders of this Council are to be made by the Government and the remaining amendments or alterations or anything like that can only be made by this Council.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I have withdrawn my motion; so,.....

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